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In re the application of

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For: A METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION OF BIOLOGICALLY

ACTIVE PEPTIDES OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

LETTER

Asst. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This will direct the Examiner's attention to two applications which are believed to be pertinent to the subject matter claimed in the above application. The two applications are Serial Nos. 08/589,109 and 08/589,911, both filed January 23, 1996. A copy of the front page and claims in WO 97/27212 and WO 97/27213 is attached. As appears from the front pages of the two PCT applications, they claim priority from the two U.S. patent applications referred to above. The two PCT applications claim substantially the same invention in claims 1 as does the present application. However, the present application has a Danish priority date of June 2, 1995, i.e., approximately $7\frac{1}{2}$ months before the filing dates of the two U.S. applications referred to above. A photocopy of the Danish priority application should be available in the file of the above application.

Respectfully submitted,

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